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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 3, Part 5, relative to child welfare agencies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 3, Part 5, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

71-3-534. (a) The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the provisions of Title 4, Chapter 5, for mandatory orientation and training requirements for caregivers providing care at any child-caring institution or child-care center. Such requirements shall include preservice orientation and at least four (4) hours of annual inservice training. A child-caring institution, or child care-center, required to be licensed under Section 71-3-504, shall demonstrate that all of its caregivers have completed orientation and training, approved or delivered by the department, prior to receiving a conditional license or license renewal.

(b) The department shall initiate a system of documenting the training levels of caregivers at child-caring institutions and child-care centers to assist parents in selecting optimal care settings.

(c) The orientation and training requirements shall be designed to meet the health, safety, and developmental needs of children and shall be tailored to the needs of licensed child-caring institutions and child-care centers.

(d) The department shall provide or arrange for orientation and training opportunities throughout the state and shall provide information regarding such opportunities to all child-caring institutions and child-care centers at the time of registration or licensure, when renewing a license, or on a yearly basis following licensure.

(e) Each caregiver providing care at a child-caring institution or child-care center shall provide his or her social security number to the department upon receiving orientation or training.

(f) The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, to implement and administer the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.